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HEALTH FACILITIES & SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

Ms. Courtney Avery, Administrator Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board Illinois Department of Public Health 525 West Jefferson Street, Second Floor Springfield, Illinois 62761

RE: Premier Cardiac Surgery Center (CON Project 17-058)

Dear Ms. Avery:

I am a current patient of Midwest Physician Alliance. I receive cardiology care from Dr. Robert Iaffaldano at a Heart Care Centers of Illinois office in Merrionette Park, Illinois. Dr. Iaffaldano and his staff always provide me with compassionate, individualized cardiology care.

I am writing this letter to express my support for the certificate of need application submitted by Premier Cardiac Surgery Center. I support this project because being someone who has undergone a number of surgeries in the past, the cost of care was much more expensive for having the procedures a hospital setting. I am aware that for those procedures that could have been performed in a surgery center setting, my cost of care for those procedures would have been less expensive. Also, the delivery of care in the ambulatory surgery center environment would have been more efficient and more personable. Given that my past surgeries were performed in local area hospitals, if I would need another procedure that could be done at Premier Cardiac Surgery Centers, I would be more than happy to have that procedure performed at this center.

I respectfully ask the members of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board to support this CON application. I believe the project will be beneficial to me and the surrounding communities. Thank you, in advance, for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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